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**ABSTRACT**

This Kids Count pamphlet provides information on the living arrangements of Florida's children, focusing on family types. Drawing on information from the 1997 National Survey of America's Families, the Current Population Survey, and the National Center for Health Statistics, the pamphlet presents information on changes in America's families, children's current living arrangements, and children's health insurance status. The pamphlet provides data for Florida and the nation as a whole on the percent of children living in various family structures and their attitudes toward doing well in school, their number of activities, and child poverty level. County data are presented in tabular format on indicators that may influence family structure, including marriage dissolutions and number of births by age group. The percent of children in Florida and nationwide in different types of families without health insurance is also presented. The pamphlet notes that an increase in births to unmarried women is one of the contributors to an increase in children living with one parent. Findings indicate that in Florida, 64 percent of children under 18 lived in two-parent families, 28.4 percent in mother-only families, and 3.8 percent in father-only families. Almost 19 percent of Florida children were uninsured, regardless of family type. In homes maintained by one or both grandparents in Florida, 35 percent of children were uninsured. The pamphlet concludes with definitions and data sources. (KB)

# LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

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## A CLOSER LOOK AT FAMILIES

*Science has established two facts meaningful for human welfare: first, the foundation of the structure of human personality is laid down in early childhood; and second, the chief engineer in charge of this construction is the family.*

*- Meyer Francis Nimkoff*

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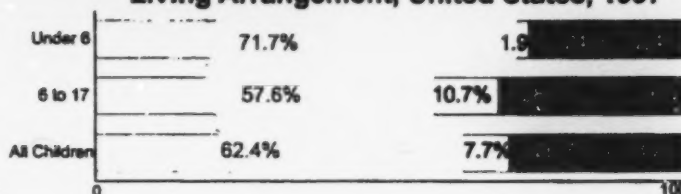
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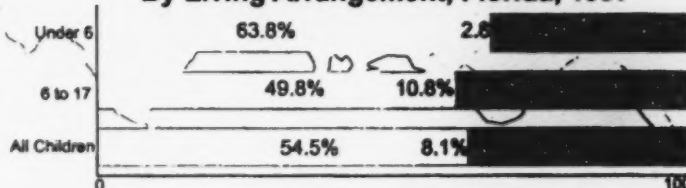
Percent of Children Within Age Group By Living Arrangement, United States, 1997



National Survey of America's Families  
**NSAF**

| NSAF Sample Size |        |       |
|------------------|--------|-------|
|                  | US     | FL    |
| Under Age 6      | 12,583 | 756   |
| Age 6-17         | 21,771 | 1,306 |
| Under Age 18     | 34,354 | 2,062 |

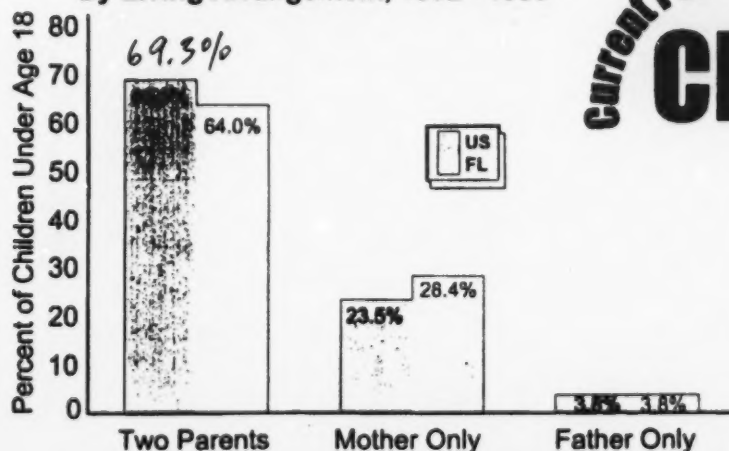
Percent of Children Within Age Group By Living Arrangement, Florida, 1997



Source: Urban Institute and Child Trends, Inc., 2000

- An increase in births to unmarried mothers is one of the contributors to an increase in children living with just one parent. This increase "reflects changes in marital behavior as much or more than changes in fertility behavior." Source: Report to Congress on Out-of-Wedlock Childbearing, 1995
- In Florida, 11.8% of all single families were headed by single fathers; while in the United States, this figure was 13.8%. Source: Map and Track, 1998

Percent of Children Under Age 18 By Living Arrangement, 1992 - 1996\*



Current Population Survey  
**CPS**

Percent of Children Under Age 6 By Living Arrangement, 1992 - 1996\*

|                        | US   | FL   |
|------------------------|------|------|
| Two-parent families    | 69.8 | 63.4 |
| Single-parent families | 27.9 | 34.1 |

Source: Map and Track, 1998  
\*years combined for analysis

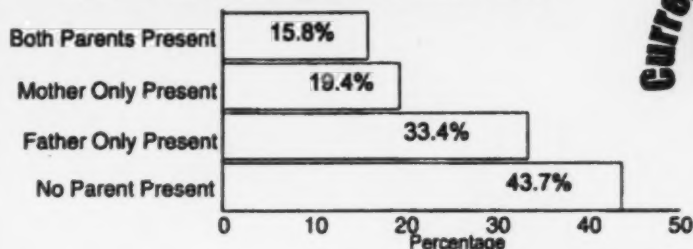
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# HEALTH INSURANCE STATUS

- Almost 19% of all Florida children, regardless of living arrangement, were uninsured.
- Of children living in a home maintained by one or both parents in Florida, nearly 17% were uninsured.
- 35% of children living in a home maintained by one or both grandparents in Florida were uninsured.

Source: Unpublished CPS 1996-1999\*

## Within Each Type of Living Arrangement, Percent of Florida Children Under Age 18 Without Health Insurance, 1995 - 1998\*



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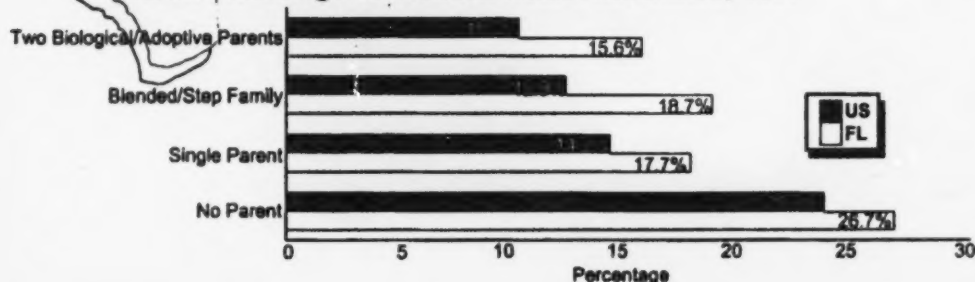
### Florida CPS Sample, Unweighted

| Living Arrangement   | Number of Children |              |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                      | Uninsured          | Total Sample |
| Both Parents Present | 647                | 3,983        |
| Mother Only Present  | 305                | 1,566        |
| Father Only Present  | 91                 | 271          |
| No Parent Present    | 80                 | 170          |

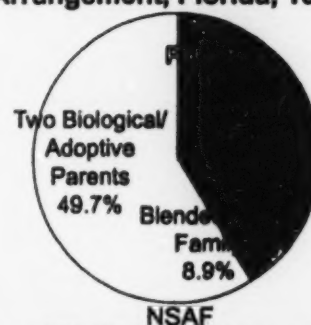
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National Survey of America's Families  
**NSAF**

## Within Each Type of Living Arrangement, Percent of Children Under Age 18 Without Health Insurance, 1997



## Distribution of Uninsured Children Under Age 18 By Living Arrangement, Florida, 1997



NSAF  
n=408 (17.1% of total sample)

## Within Each Type of Living Arrangement, Children's Health Insurance Status, NSAF, 1997

| Family Living Arrangements      | United States           |                      |                    |                       |                      |                    | Florida                 |                      |                    |                       |                      |                    |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|                                 | Children Birth to Age 5 |                      |                    | Children Ages 6 to 17 |                      |                    | Children Birth to Age 5 |                      |                    | Children Ages 6 to 17 |                      |                    |
|                                 | Sample Size             | Uninsured Weighted % | Insured Weighted % | Sample Size           | Uninsured Weighted % | Insured Weighted % | Sample Size             | Uninsured Weighted % | Insured Weighted % | Sample Size           | Uninsured Weighted % | Insured Weighted % |
| Two Biological/Adoptive Parents | 8,341                   | 9.8                  | 90.2               | 11,521                | 10.4                 | 89.6               | 460                     | 16.8                 | 83.2               | 617                   | 14.8                 | 85.2               |
| Blended/Step Family             | 268                     | 13.1                 | 86.9               | 2,183                 | 12.3                 | 87.8               | 17                      | -                    | -                  | 134                   | 16.6                 | 83.4               |
| Single parent                   | 3,597                   | 12.9                 | 87.1               | 7,081                 | 14.7                 | 85.3               | 250                     | 18.6                 | 81.4               | 481                   | 17.3                 | 82.7               |
| No Parent                       | 377                     | 13.2                 | 86.8               | 986                   | 27.1                 | 72.9               | 29                      | -                    | 84.0               | 74                    | -                    | 69.4               |

Source: Urban Institute and Child Trends, Inc., 2000

# FLORIDA'S KIDS

**Percent of Children Ages 6 - 17 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement Who Care to Do Well in School, Florida, 1997**

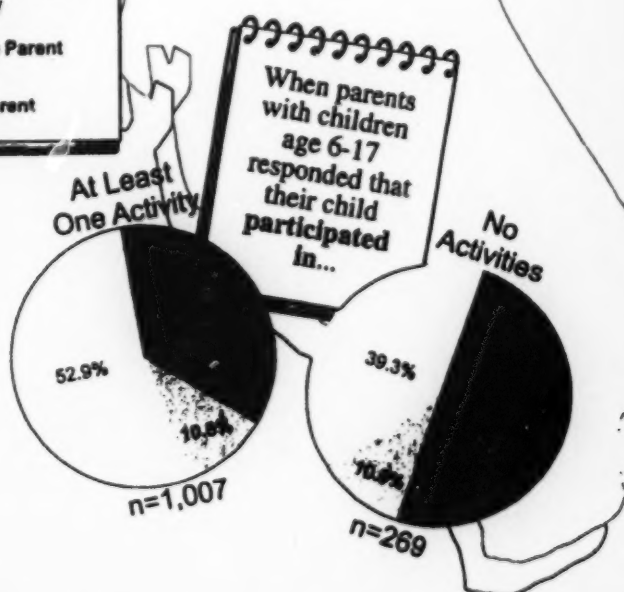
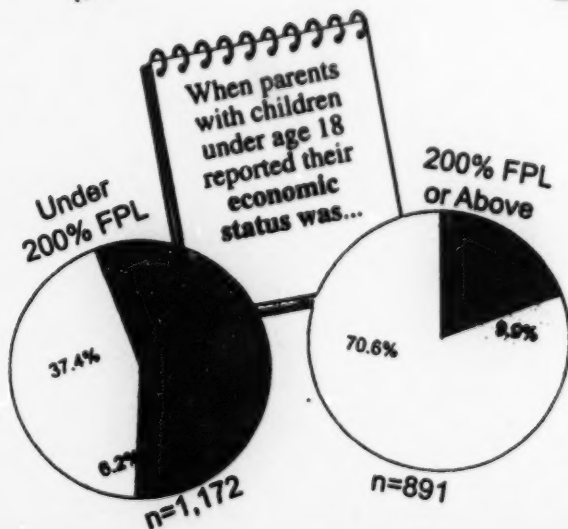
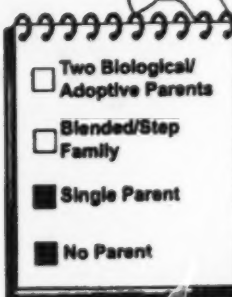
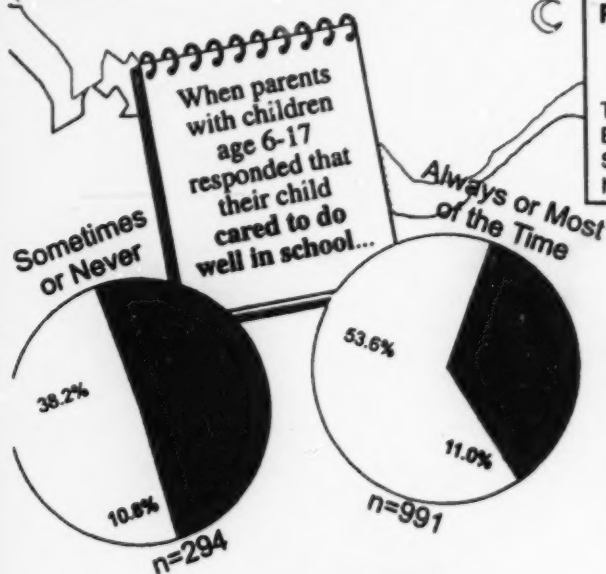
|                                 | Always | Most of the Time | Sometimes | Never |
|---------------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|-------|
| Two Biological/Adoptive Parents | 54.5   | 28.9             | 15.1      | 1.5   |
| Blended/Step Family             | 37.4   | 41.0             | 19.6      | -     |
| Single Parent                   | 43.3   | 28.5             | 24.7      | 3.6   |
| No Parents                      | 42.6   | 25.9             | -         | -     |

**Percent of Children Ages 6 - 17 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement By Number of Activities, Florida, 1997**

|                                 | No Activity | One Activity | Two Activities | Three Activities |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Two Biological/Adoptive Parents | 15.9        | 35.4         | 37.3           | 11.5             |
| Blended/Step Family             | 20.4        | 36.0         | 30.9           | -                |
| Single Parent                   | 25.3        | 42.4         | 25.1           | 7.2              |
| No Parents                      | 28.9        | 41.9         | -              | -                |

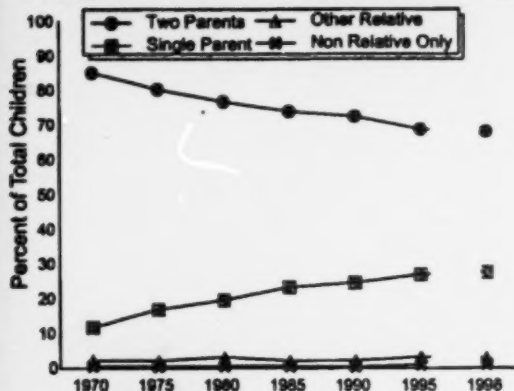
**Percent of Children Under Age 18 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement By Poverty Level, Florida, 1997**

|                                 | <100% FPL | 100%-199% FPL | ≥200% FPL |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Two Biological/Adoptive Parents | 10.2      | 23.1          | 66.8      |
| Blended/Step Family             | -         | 25.7          | 62.7      |
| Single Parent                   | 42.6      | 31.6          | 25.7      |
| No Parents                      | -         | -             | -         |



# AMERICA'S FAMILIES ARE CHANGING

**Percent of Children Under Age 18 by Living Arrangement, United States, Selected Years**

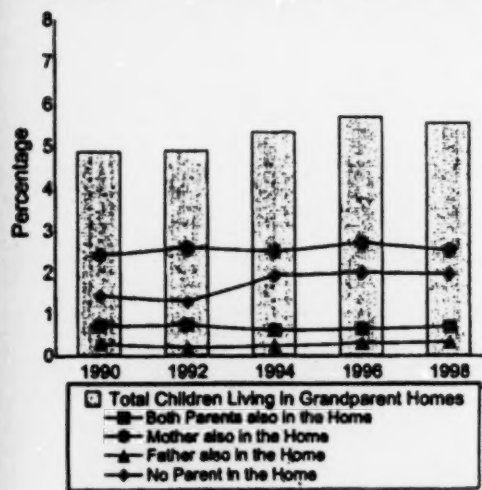


Current Population Survey  
**CPS**

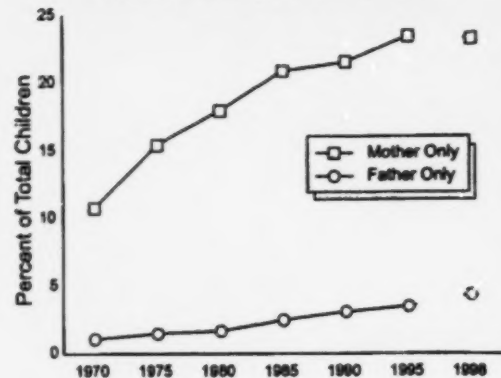


- In 1998, 5.6% of all United States children lived in a home maintained by a grandparent, compared to 3.2% in 1970.

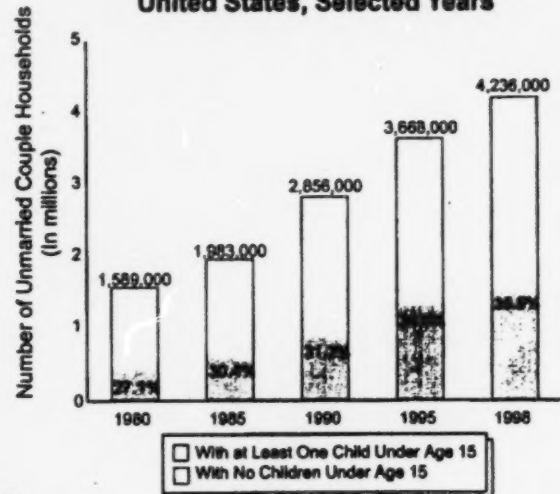
**Percent of Children Under Age 18 Living in a Grandparent Maintained Household by Living Arrangement, United States, Selected Years**



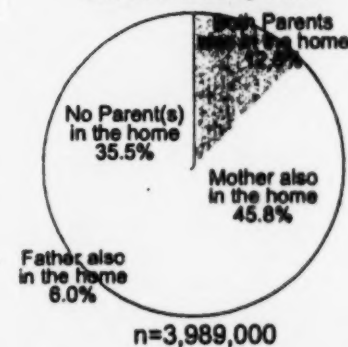
**Percent of Children Under Age 18 by Single Parent Living Arrangement, United States, Selected Years**



**Number of Unmarried Couple Households and Percent with Children Under Age 15, United States, Selected Years**



**Distribution of Children Living in Grandparent Maintained Households by Living Arrangement, United States, 1998**



# DEFINITIONS

**Living arrangement.** The term living arrangement is used when additional information is provided about a child's relationship to other individuals living in the household.

Sample sizes reported are unweighted values.

Percentages reported are weighted values.

## Current Population Survey (CPS):

**Children.** The term "children," as used in the table on living arrangements of children under 18, are all persons under 18 years, excluding people who maintain households, families, or subfamilies as a reference person or spouse.

**Grandparent-Maintained Household.** A grandparent-maintained household refers to a housing unit that is owned or rented by one or both grandparents of a child under age 18. This child's parents may or may not be present in the household.

**Health Insurance Coverage.** A person was considered covered by health insurance at some time during the year if he or she was covered by at least one of the following types of coverage: (1) employer/union, (2) privately purchased, (3) Medicare, (4) Medicaid, (5) military health care, (6) someone outside the household, (7) other.

**Household.** A household consists of all the people who occupy a housing unit and includes the related family members and all the unrelated people who share the housing unit.

**Parent-Maintained Household.** A parent-maintained household refers to a housing unit that is owned or rented by one or both parents of a child under age 18. This child's grandparents may or may not be present in the household.

**Unmarried Couple.** An unmarried couple is composed of two unrelated adults of the opposite sex (one of whom is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented) who share a housing unit with or without the presence of children under 15 years old. Unmarried couple households contain only two adults.

## National Survey of America's Families (NSAF):

**Health Insurance Coverage.** A person was considered covered by health insurance if they responded "yes" to being currently covered by one of the insurance plans (public or private) and responded "no" to a question asking if they were currently uninsured.

**Federal Poverty Level (FPL).** Poverty status refers to family income as a percentage of the 1996 federal poverty level. For a family consisting of two adults with two children, the 1996 FPL was \$15,911.

**Number of Extracurricular Activities.** "Number of extracurricular activities" refers to the most knowledgeable adult's response to whether the child had participated in sports, lessons, and/or clubs.

**Cares to Do Well in School.** "Cares to do well in school" refers to the most knowledgeable adult's response when asked if the child cares about doing well in school.

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**Unpublished CPS data:** Based on analysis of March Current Population Survey data by Jane Ellery, doctoral student, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Four years of data (1996-1999) were combined for this analysis.

**U.S. Bureau of the Census:** Based on Historical Time Series tables from the US Bureau of the Census. These tables are available on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/ms-la.html#history>.

**Report to Congress on Out-of-Wedlock Childbearing (1995):** This report was compiled by the National Center for Health Statistics and is available on the Internet at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/wedlock.pdf>.

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# A CLOSER LOOK AT FLORIDA COUNTY DATA, 1998

## Indicators That May Influence Family Structure

|              | Number of Births By Age Group<br>Births To All Mothers (Births To Unwed Mothers) |                 |                  |                 | Total Number<br>of Children<br>Under<br>Age 18 | Dissolutions of Marriage<br>with Children<br>Minimum Number<br>of Children Affected |        |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|              | Under Age 18                                                                     | Age 18 - 19     | Age 20 - 29      | Age 30 and Over |                                                | Number                                                                              |        |
| Florida      | 9,877 (8,789)                                                                    | 15,943 (12,119) | 100,679 (38,705) | 69,036 (11,978) | 3,372,758                                      | 33,674                                                                              | 55,503 |
| Alachua      | 114 (108)                                                                        | 200 (169)       | 1,277 (511)      | 836 (99)        | 46,171                                         | 413                                                                                 | 687    |
| Baker        | 32 (19)                                                                          | 37 (19)         | 207 (71)         | 49 (9)          | 5,758                                          | 75                                                                                  | 125    |
| Bay          | 105 (88)                                                                         | 209 (128)       | 1,183 (375)      | 520 (89)        | 37,283                                         | 467                                                                                 | 788    |
| Bradford     | 19 (15)                                                                          | 41 (27)         | 181 (53)         | 67 (16)         | 5,526                                          | 89                                                                                  | 145    |
| Brevard      | 201 (177)                                                                        | 367 (266)       | 2,358 (800)      | 1,885 (217)     | 102,938                                        | 1,041                                                                               | 1,746  |
| Broward      | 775 (733)                                                                        | 1,171 (980)     | 9,436 (3,693)    | 9,264 (1,521)   | 324,009                                        | 3,165                                                                               | 5,154  |
| Calhoun      | 14 (10)                                                                          | 23 (13)         | 92 (27)          | 31 (6)          | 2,953                                          | 17                                                                                  | 22     |
| Charlotte    | 43 (39)                                                                          | 98 (68)         | 556 (184)        | 344 (70)        | 21,145                                         | 196                                                                                 | 326    |
| Citrus       | 41 (33)                                                                          | 97 (62)         | 415 (142)        | 255 (44)        | 18,718                                         | 260                                                                                 | 451    |
| Clay         | 74 (69)                                                                          | 148 (97)        | 983 (252)        | 592 (58)        | 37,178                                         | 404                                                                                 | 678    |
| Collier      | 170 (134)                                                                        | 231 (159)       | 1,402 (550)      | 906 (169)       | 42,623                                         | 413                                                                                 | 698    |
| Columbia     | 52 (43)                                                                          | 84 (53)         | 476 (172)        | 151 (29)        | 14,706                                         | 170                                                                                 | 290    |
| Miami-Dade   | 1,508 (1,359)                                                                    | 2,103 (1,676)   | 15,760 (6,615)   | 12,259 (2,962)  | 538,539                                        | 4,625                                                                               | 7,471  |
| DeSoto       | 37 (30)                                                                          | 57 (39)         | 238 (102)        | 78 (22)         | 6,280                                          | 73                                                                                  | 129    |
| Dixie        | 13 (10)                                                                          | 21 (10)         | 98 (33)          | 22 (3)          | 2,859                                          | 37                                                                                  | 59     |
| Duval        | 693 (646)                                                                        | 1,079 (832)     | 6,719 (2,576)    | 3,639 (577)     | 196,828                                        | 2,187                                                                               | 3,566  |
| Escambia     | 226 (201)                                                                        | 436 (320)       | 2,192 (829)      | 1,060 (200)     | 73,442                                         | 690                                                                                 | 1,127  |
| Flagler      | 20 (17)                                                                          | 39 (24)         | 161 (58)         | 142 (21)        | 7,564                                          | 92                                                                                  | 151    |
| Franklin     | 6 (6)                                                                            | 23 (17)         | 74 (30)          | 26 (5)          | 2,098                                          | 29                                                                                  | 43     |
| Gadsden      | 71 (66)                                                                          | 106 (87)        | 416 (250)        | 102 (33)        | 14,058                                         | 78                                                                                  | 126    |
| Gilchrist    | 13 (8)                                                                           | 19 (15)         | 111 (26)         | 26 (5)          | 3,111                                          | 53                                                                                  | 85     |
| Glades       | 8 (7)                                                                            | 8 (7)           | 61 (31)          | 13 (8)          | 2,082                                          | 14                                                                                  | 17     |
| Gulf         | 10 (5)                                                                           | 18 (10)         | 84 (25)          | 30 (3)          | 2,915                                          | 3                                                                                   | 9      |
| Hamilton     | 13 (11)                                                                          | 22 (19)         | 106 (49)         | 26 (6)          | 3,248                                          | 22                                                                                  | 35     |
| Hardee       | 38 (24)                                                                          | 49 (31)         | 268 (97)         | 90 (26)         | 6,062                                          | 62                                                                                  | 112    |
| Hendry       | 58 (44)                                                                          | 91 (65)         | 379 (160)        | 135 (32)        | 9,418                                          | 86                                                                                  | 149    |
| Hernando     | 56 (45)                                                                          | 122 (98)        | 579 (219)        | 329 (54)        | 22,538                                         | 182                                                                                 | 317    |
| Highlands    | 65 (51)                                                                          | 97 (64)         | 492 (179)        | 190 (38)        | 14,174                                         | 139                                                                                 | 227    |
| Hillsborough | 805 (733)                                                                        | 1,229 (931)     | 7,454 (2,878)    | 4,812 (766)     | 231,326                                        | 2,238                                                                               | 3,683  |
| Holmes       | 8 (4)                                                                            | 25 (12)         | 125 (28)         | 31 (7)          | 3,972                                          | 58                                                                                  | 87     |
| Indian River | 63 (54)                                                                          | 108 (81)        | 529 (180)        | 384 (51)        | 20,313                                         | 220                                                                                 | 370    |
| Jackson      | 38 (27)                                                                          | 59 (43)         | 326 (118)        | 101 (27)        | 10,723                                         | 109                                                                                 | 181    |
| Jefferson    | 3 (3)                                                                            | 12 (11)         | 84 (49)          | 34 (4)          | 3,456                                          | 81                                                                                  | 131    |
| Lafayette    | 5 (5)                                                                            | 8 (5)           | 48 (12)          | 14 (1)          | 1,419                                          | 22                                                                                  | 39     |
| Lake         | 123 (98)                                                                         | 209 (154)       | 1,235 (426)      | 653 (96)        | 37,403                                         | 397                                                                                 | 706    |
| Lee          | 255 (233)                                                                        | 442 (334)       | 2,418 (995)      | 1,469 (261)     | 80,502                                         | 928                                                                                 | 1,518  |
| Leon         | 120 (108)                                                                        | 223 (188)       | 1,650 (700)      | 1,048 (125)     | 51,029                                         | 485                                                                                 | 798    |

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|            | Under Age 18                                                                     | Age 18 - 19 | Age 20 - 29   | Age 30 and Over |                                                | Number                                    | Minimum Number<br>of Children Affected |
| Levy       | 24 (21)                                                                          | 39 (26)     | 240 (85)      | 101 (17)        | 7,155                                          | 79                                        | 147                                    |
| Liberty    | 7 (4)                                                                            | 6 (3)       | 56 (18)       | 19 (4)          | 1,614                                          | 16                                        | 25                                     |
| Madison    | 15 (13)                                                                          | 22 (19)     | 134 (63)      | 44 (13)         | 4,983                                          | 56                                        | 93                                     |
| Manatee    | 172 (151)                                                                        | 265 (214)   | 1,583 (648)   | 840 (155)       | 48,041                                         | 443                                       | 714                                    |
| Marion     | 189 (160)                                                                        | 296 (202)   | 1,508 (555)   | 741 (150)       | 51,393                                         | 663                                       | 1,143                                  |
| Martin     | 69 (62)                                                                          | 79 (63)     | 526 (200)     | 441 (57)        | 21,441                                         | 219                                       | 354                                    |
| Monroe     | 27 (20)                                                                          | 47 (32)     | 356 (110)     | 270 (49)        | 15,714                                         | 82                                        | 132                                    |
| Nassau     | 25 (19)                                                                          | 73 (38)     | 464 (106)     | 183 (27)        | 14,239                                         | 140                                       | 236                                    |
| Okaloosa   | 122 (102)                                                                        | 199 (113)   | 1,335 (336)   | 670 (70)        | 46,197                                         | 628                                       | 1,049                                  |
| Okeechobee | 41 (27)                                                                          | 53 (33)     | 276 (108)     | 109 (25)        | 8,994                                          | 96                                        | 153                                    |
| Orange     | 609 (563)                                                                        | 1,061 (841) | 6,563 (2,674) | 4,679 (714)     | 201,318                                        | 1,809                                     | 3,054                                  |
| Osceola    | 108 (94)                                                                         | 187 (126)   | 1,290 (422)   | 668 (108)       | 37,373                                         | 477                                       | 777                                    |
| Palm Beach | 532 (497)                                                                        | 811 (650)   | 5,948 (2,414) | 5,761 (922)     | 209,925                                        | 1,934                                     | 3,155                                  |
| Pasco      | 158 (135)                                                                        | 321 (223)   | 1,840 (598)   | 1,093 (169)     | 57,139                                         | 624                                       | 1,046                                  |
| Pinellas   | 453 (420)                                                                        | 754 (636)   | 4,593 (1,869) | 3,639 (563)     | 165,333                                        | 1,798                                     | 2,826                                  |
| Polk       | 493 (430)                                                                        | 737 (545)   | 3,774 (1,522) | 1,502 (303)     | 107,717                                        | 1,199                                     | 1,976                                  |
| Putnam     | 85 (74)                                                                          | 131 (93)    | 522 (236)     | 156 (36)        | 17,447                                         | 131                                       | 214                                    |
| St. Johns  | 57 (47)                                                                          | 93 (68)     | 526 (153)     | 510 (46)        | 22,882                                         | 219                                       | 362                                    |
| St. Lucie  | 121 (101)                                                                        | 206 (161)   | 1,224 (483)   | 699 (155)       | 40,533                                         | 455                                       | 792                                    |
| Santa Rosa | 67 (55)                                                                          | 117 (73)    | 813 (177)     | 530 (48)        | 27,607                                         | 243                                       | 414                                    |
| Sarasota   | 137 (121)                                                                        | 174 (145)   | 1,239 (427)   | 1,053 (134)     | 49,588                                         | 712                                       | 1,148                                  |
| Seminole   | 133 (115)                                                                        | 288 (223)   | 2,032 (653)   | 1,793 (181)     | 84,456                                         | 711                                       | 1,208                                  |
| Sumter     | 25 (22)                                                                          | 49 (38)     | 246 (95)      | 94 (25)         | 9,520                                          | 78                                        | 132                                    |
| Suwannee   | 36 (27)                                                                          | 56 (29)     | 262 (78)      | 102 (16)        | 8,086                                          | 102                                       | 191                                    |
| Taylor     | 17 (17)                                                                          | 33 (18)     | 140 (50)      | 51 (9)          | 4,960                                          | 43                                        | 71                                     |
| Union      | 13 (13)                                                                          | 18 (13)     | 96 (34)       | 30 (9)          | 2,598                                          | 30                                        | 47                                     |
| Volusia    | 203 (182)                                                                        | 405 (313)   | 2,385 (937)   | 1,437 (278)     | 84,064                                         | 911                                       | 1,540                                  |
| Wakulla    | 11 (10)                                                                          | 38 (27)     | 145 (42)      | 62 (7)          | 4,906                                          | 47                                        | 79                                     |
| Walton     | 27 (19)                                                                          | 51 (27)     | 237 (74)      | 102 (21)        | 8,043                                          | 71                                        | 118                                    |
| Washington | 6 (5)                                                                            | 23 (11)     | 153 (43)      | 44 (7)          | 5,125                                          | 38                                        | 61                                     |

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# DATA SOURCES

## **1997 National Survey of America's Families (NSAF)**

The NSAF is part of the Urban Institute's multi-year Assessing the New Federalism project. The 1997 survey helped describe the well-being of America's families by examining employment, earnings and income, educational attainment, family structure, health status, psychological well-being, participation in religious and volunteer activities, knowledge about availability of services, and participation in government programs. Data from the survey provide estimates for selected states as well as for the nation as a whole. Detailed information was obtained on 75,437 adults and 34,439 children in 44,461 households across the United States. For the Florida state-level report, data on 2,063 children were analyzed. Additional information about the NSAF is available at <http://newfederalism.urban.org/nsaf>.

## **Current Population Survey (CPS), March Supplement**

The CPS, conducted for over 50 years by the US Bureau of the Census for the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, is a monthly survey of about 50,000 households. The March supplement, also known as the Annual Demographic Survey, is the primary source of detailed information on income and work experience in the United States. This survey is used to generate the annual Population Profile of the United States, reports on geographical mobility and educational attainment, and detailed analysis of money income and poverty status. In addition to the numerous reports issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census based on data from this survey, a public-use data file is available for private researchers to use for academic and policy-related analyses. Additional information about the CPS is available at <http://www.bls.census.gov/cps>.

## **National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)**

The NCHS is the Federal Government's principal vital and health statistics agency, providing a wide variety of data that can be used to monitor the Nation's health. The NCHS is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Additional information about NCHS is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

# UNITED STATES KIDS

**Percent of Children Ages 6 - 17 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement Who Care to Do Well in School, US, 1997**

|                                 | Always | Most of the Time | Sometimes | Never |
|---------------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|-------|
| Two Biological/Adoptive Parents | 55.8   | 29.5             | 13.7      | 1.0   |
| Blended/Step Families           | 45.1   | 26.9             | 26.2      | 1.8   |
| Single Parent                   | 43.7   | 28.9             | 25.2      | 2.2   |
| No Parents                      | 40.6   | 21.9             | 34.4      | 3.0   |

**Percent of Children Ages 6 - 17 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement By Number of Activities, US, 1997**

|                                 | No Activity | One Activity | Two Activities | Three Activities |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Two Biological/Adoptive Parents | 12.0        | 34.2         | 38.1           | 15.7             |
| Blended/Step Families           | 17.9        | 38.1         | 31.4           | 12.6             |
| Single Parent                   | 25.8        | 38.7         | 25.0           | 10.5             |
| No Parents                      | 27.3        | 44.0         | 22.2           | 6.4              |

**Percent of Children Under Age 18 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement By Poverty Level, US, 1997**

|                                 | <100% FPL | 100%-199% FPL | ≥200% FPL |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Two Biological/Adoptive Parents | 10.7      | 20.4          | 68.9      |
| Blended/Step Families           | 11.3      | 23.2          | 65.5      |
| Single Parent                   | 44.6      | 25.6          | 29.8      |
| No Parents                      | 37.7      | 28.4          | 33.9      |

